A Little Bit of Inspiration for Everyone

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What is fan-fiction?

There are many answers to this question. Most people will say that it's a story about a story that is written by fans. You readers will say that it's a way to delve into another universe and explore a set of characters, ones like Hiccup and Toothless that you have come to love. Us writers will say that it's a way to build on what others have written, to add what we can to a community, and to create what others will enjoy.

There is no better feeling in the world than creating something and having people _enjoy_ it. A single review means the world to a writer. Every follow and every favorite feels good, but to have someone spend _their_ time and write something about how they want _you_ to continue, how they want you too keep _making_ and keep _uploading_ because they _enjoy_ your work feels incredible.

It feels good to make something people like, and it feels even better to have them tell you just how much they liked it.

Yet despite how rewarding it is to be a writer, so few people do.

Why not?

It's because there's another side to the pride you feel when you make something good; the disappointment that you feel when you make something bad. The other side is the people who spend their time writing something about how they think you did something wrong, how they can't bear to read it anymore, how they think you should just _stop writing._

This is why there are so few writers; because of the innate fear that you will write something bad.

The silly thing is... that fear is wrong.

I have been through this phase. I have published bad work, work that should have been revised and edited; probably not even uploaded in the first place.

But you know what?

I have _never_ received a negative review.

Why? Why have I wrote horrible content yet never received a bad review.

The answer is simple. People don't want you to fail, they want you to _succeed_. They want you to keep writing so that you can _get better_. They know that by being negative, they are keeping writers both new and old from reaching their full potential.

Everyone wants you to succeed because they want to see what you can create. They want to see you improve, to see you _get better; _they want you to write the amazing story that _everyone_ is capable of writing.

Even you.

Everyone has the capability to write a good story. Everyone who has ever wrote a story, even those as popular and skilled as The Antic Repartee, Arcawolf, Rift-Raft, Elfpen and so many more all once shared the same thought; the same basic fear.

"What if I fail?"

And I'm not going to lie. You are not going to write well at first, _nobody_ has.

You will _fail _and you will _write badly_, but you will _learn _and you will _fix your __mistakes. _You will _spend time _and you will _improve_, learning from your mistakes to become better. But if you keep at it, keep writing and keep publishing, then people will _enjoy_ _you__r_ work. _You will_ _succeed_. People will spend _their_ time and write something about how they want _you_ to continue, how they want _you_ to keep _making_ and keep _uploading_ because they _enjoy your_ work.

And it feels incredible.

So I encourage every single one of you to put aside you fears and just _start writing._ Open Google Docs or Microsoft Word and _write_ what _you want_ to write. Read it tomorrow, cringe at it, and _fix it_. _Learn from your mistakes._ Don't stop writing, don't stop fixing, _don't stop creating,_ and eventually, you _will_ be a great writer.

Every single person who reads this is capable of being great, of writing an incredible story which people will love. Whether or not they do it, whether or not _you_ do it, isn't up to me.

It's up to you.

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"I'd rather regret the things I've done than regret those I haven't."

>- Lucille Ball

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